# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Assistance for Export of Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is providing any assistance to encourage the export of organic and bio-dynamic produce;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether some institutions or agencies in the country export organic and bio-dynamic produce with international organic certification;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the details of the increase registered in export of organic produce during the last three years, State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b): Encouraging exports of agricultural products (including organic products) is a continuous process. The Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance to the exporters through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.

(c & d): Organic products can be exported from the country only when they are certified by an accredited certification body under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) implemented by the Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Commerce. There are no Government approved standards for bio-dynamic products.

(e): State wise export data is not maintained. However, data for total exports of organic agricultural products for last three years is given below:

Quantity in MT; Value in USD million

| Year | Quantity | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 2013-14 | 177765 | 220 |
| 2014-15 | 285663 | 327 |
| 2015-16 | 263687 | 298 |

Source: Data provided by the accredited Certification Bodies under NPOP on TraceNet

In 2014-15, the exports showed a growth of 60.70 % in volume terms and 35.45% in value terms as compared to previous year. However, in 2015-16, the exports have declined by 7.69 % in volume terms and 8.86% in value terms.

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